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CHINA ISSUES NEW NOTES

Gold Units "To Help Money Situation"

Drastic Warning To Speculators

Shanghai, Dec. 9. The Central Bank announced today that it is issuing throughout China, on Wednesday, Customs Gold Unit notes of the following denominations: \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$5,000. The Gold Units are equivalent to CN\$20,000, CN\$40,000 and CN\$100,000 respectively. At present, the highest denomination notes are CN\$10,000.

At the same time both the Mayor, K.C. Wu, and the Garrison Commander, Lt. Gen. Hsuan Ti-wa, threatened drastic penalties against speculators attempting to "revive" psychological factors to "drive up" prices for their own profits.

The Deputy Governor of the Central Bank, in a joint news conference, announced that in

Hong Kong And Japan Market

Shanghai, Dec. 9. Hong Kong has replaced Shanghai as the centre of Sino-Japanese trade, and large quantities of "luxuries" and other imports, banned by the Chinese Government, are pouring into Hong Kong for smuggling into China, according to Mr. Tang Chur-sung, China's commercial representative to Japan, quoted by Central Daily News, the official Kuomintang organ.

Although two months have elapsed since Japan resumed private trading with the outside world, no Chinese merchants have yet been sent to Japan to conduct commercial negotiations, Mr. Tang said, adding that if the situation is not remedied soon, the Japanese market may be captured by Hong Kong or otherwise spoilt by smuggling.—Reuter.

response to "urgent petitions" from the Chinese Bankers' Association the Government has instructed the Central Bank to issue larger denomination notes throughout China "according to local needs."

Mr. Liu explained that the issuance of larger denomination notes should in no way affect the market except that it would be of convenience to everybody in the counting and carrying of banknotes and solve the tight money conditions.

Exchange Saving
As far as the Government was concerned, Mr. Liu said, the larger notes would mean a

saving in foreign exchange towards paying the cost of printing new notes.

Mayor Wu announced that the Price Control Agency had amassed huge quantities of daily necessities including cotton yarn, rice, coal, rayon and edible oil which will be dumped immediately if necessary to force down prices in the event that speculators attempt to manipulate the market.

He said that since the living cost is at present 50,000 times the pre-war level the issuance of large notes is a logical step in keeping with the times.

General Hsuan then announced Government's determination to arrest and punish heavily anyone trying to cash in through market manipulations.

New Plan

He said a large force of the Garrison Command police personnel will inspect the markets closely to check any attempt to raise prices.

An earlier, Nanking dispatch reported that the airlifting of the larger notes to all parts of China has been completed.

The decision to issue the larger notes came as the Executive Yuan's new super Economic Committee began drafting a plan to tackle China's budget deficit and to utilise the proposed US\$500,000,000 American loan to the best advantage.

Meanwhile, economic experts in the capital said that issuance of the larger notes does not augur well for the success of the new Committee since it will inevitably spur new price rises.—United Press.

MALAYA GETS ON WITH IT

Singapore, Dec. 9. Singapore's first post war important housing project, Kiburn Estate, is nearing completion. Finishing touches have been put on 22 of the 29 bungalows being constructed at a cost of \$2,100,000 in the area of 6½ mile Bukit Timah Road. One of the largest engineering and construction companies in the United Kingdom, George Wimpey and Company, erected them.—Associated Press.

Shanghai Boycott Of Fish Catch

Shanghai, Dec. 9. One million catties of fish en route to Shanghai may have to be diverted to other ports or kept off shore in Shanghai until they rot as the result of a boycott by the fish market, in which all local private fishing interests are represented, of the UNRRA Fisheries programme.

As from yesterday no catches brought in by the Fisheries Rehabilitation Administration were being unloaded here and craft en route with catches were ordered to proceed to Keelung in Formosa, Wenchow, Ningpo, Tientsin and Tientsin.

While food-short Shanghai was being deprived of much needed supplies of fresh fish by the action of the fish market, UNRRA was reported to be preparing a strong protest to the Chinese Government over the boycott.

As the fish market remained empty because of alleged efforts of the officials to keep down the supply of fish in order to boost prices, shiploads of UNRRA fish were stopped off shore, a scant 200 yards away.

UNRRA's protest to the Chinese Government, it is reported, will point out the contradictory situation created whereby after specific requests to UNRRA for the fishing fleet to increase China's food supply, one branch of the Government is restricting such activities.

The fish market fixed a quota of 300,000 catties (12 lbs. to a catty) for December to "fish-lift" Administration vessels. According to administrative officials, five UNRRA vessels can catch that much in a week. They described this quota as "ridiculous"—Reuter.

H.C.L. IN CHINA

Shanghai, Dec. 9. The cost of living index in China is now 70,000 times higher than before the war, according to the Executive Yuan. The members urged the Chinese Government to put a stop to rumours concerning the issue of a higher currency note which, the members claimed, were responsible for speculation and cause of the spiralling commodity prices.

Discussing the United States aid plan, the members agreed that it was insufficient to stabilise China's national currency or curb rising prices.—Reuter.

Cars Slip Downhill On C.H.R.

Hankow, Dec. 9. Three were killed and more than 10 injured when a Hankow-bound passenger train from Canton crashed into the rear of a freight train also proceeding to Hankow yesterday afternoon.

Both the passenger and freight trains were partly derailed. The accident occurred between the Lingsiang and Lukowu stations, about 150 kilometers south of Hankow. The cause is said to have been due to accidental detachment of a number of carriages from the freight train going up a hill slope. The carriages slipped backwards and collided with the passenger train.

A rescue party was immediately rushed to the scene. The Railway Administration is investigating the case.—Central News.

Hong Kong Interest In E.C.A.F.E.

Shanghai, Dec. 9. Satisfaction with the work accomplished by the recent session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East at Baguio, in the Philippines, was expressed today by Mr. J. P. S. Rajasooria, the Indian United Nations Information Officer, on his return from the conference.

He said that although the first five days were spent in heated discussions on political matters such as the admission of the Siamese delegation and associate membership for Indonesia, ECAFE succeeded in laying down the basic principles for the reconstruction and development of Asian and Far Eastern economy before the session closed.

Mr. Rajasooria remarked that the Philippines, Siam and Hong Kong showed considerable interest in the conference and said that Dr. T. F. Tsiang, head of the Chinese delegation, impressed everyone as an able and impartial chairman.

He stated that for various reasons, the decision of the interim headquarters for ECAFE was postponed until the next session of the Commission, scheduled to be held in India in April or May next year.—Reuter.

TRAGICOMEDY

Vienna, Dec. 9. In tragicomic scenes in Vienna today, creditors were hounding their debtors or beseeching them not to pay their bills while debtors were running around searching for their creditors and trying to make them accept payment of old debts.

It was the last day before the currency reform law comes into force and shilling notes must be exchanged at the rate of one new for three old ones.—Reuter.

MOTORBUS EMPLOYEES THREAT

Turning down proposals for further negotiations, the China Motorbus Company's conductors and drivers yesterday handed in a 48-hour ultimatum to their employers, threatening to strike unless a satisfactory reply to their demands is received by 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Among the demands made by the men, are (1) retirement bonus of one year's wages for every 10 years' service at the age of 45, the bonus to be based on the last month's salary; (2) cancellation of agreements between individual workers and the management, and (3) fixed holidays.

Representatives of the men have conferred with Labour Officer, Major Chauvin, and Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, Managing Director of the China Motorbus Company during the past week but no satisfactory solution was worked out.

Yesterday, despite proposals to continue negotiations, the men handed in their ultimatum.

And Were Their Faces Red?

The faces of the security police at Westcott's super-secret rocket research plant flushed to a bright hunting pink today as it became known that the entire Bleicester Hunt—with horns, hounds and horses—had successfully pierced their lines in the quest of a fox.

Westcott's rocket scientists were busily planning an unpleasant future for Britain's enemies last Friday afternoon when their dreams were rudely shattered by a noisy bit of old England—the sound of hooves and hounds in full cry and the lifting call of the hunting horn.

Before their startled eyes hounds ran a small red fox to earth in a rocket pit and pink-coated, to-hatted hunters rode up to claim their prize yelling appropriate cries in the manner of that dear departed Glee Club favourite, John Peel.

The song said Peel's "View halloo would waken the dead" but that was nothing to the turmoil created by the appearance of hunters from the Bleicester. Hitherto the top-secret rocket experts had laboured under the delusion that they were surrounded by spy-proof barbed wire and security precautions that would have made a bum out of Mata Hari.

The Westcott authorities were so burned up about it that they confiscated the fox's brush. They even made some pretty nasty observations about people hunting foxes when all idle Britons were supposed to be working in essential industries like make rockets.

An Awakening Giant In Far East

New York, Dec. 9. Herbert H. Lehman, former Director-General of UNRRA, said yesterday that Americans cannot afford to overlook the "formidable aspirations" developed by Asiatic peoples.

Americans must realize that the Asiatic world, in spite of dissension, "remains essentially one," Lehman said at the academic convocation of the Asia Institute.

Lehman said Asiatic aspirations "are of a kind that have a direct bearing on America's future and go beyond merely the problems between us and Russia." He urged greater aid in the development of Asia, an "awakening giant with immeasurable powers," and declared that to approach Asia in a spirit of "gratitude, arrogance and complacency will doom all efforts to failure."

The Indian Ambassador to the United States, Asaf Ali, urged that "balanced thinkers in all lands meet the challenge of the atomic age which, he said, is 'pregnant with the promise of unlimited material and scientific progress and prosperity of the human race on the one hand, and ominous threat of annihilation on the other.'"

The Asia Institute gives training in 20 languages, and offers of Asiatic studies are associated.—Press.

Restrictions By Macao On Gold?

Macao, South China's main gold importing centre, is shortly to place restrictions on the import and export of gold to conform with the International Monetary Fund policy, according to a report from the Portuguese Colony yesterday.

The report said that the Macao Government is drafting an ordinance to control gold imports and exports.

Gold, the report added, is being imported into Macao by two regular weekly planes. From Macao the gold is sent to Hong Kong and South China ports.

CHINA'S PROTEST ON EVICTIONS

Nanking, Dec. 9. The Chinese Government has made strong representations to the Hong Kong Government against the eviction order to Chinese residents in the old walled city of Kowloon, it was learned authoritatively here today.

The protest was made by the Foreign Office through the British Embassy in Nanking. The protest reiterated the Chinese claim to administrative jurisdiction over the Kowloon Walled City and asked that the eviction order be rescinded.

Mr. W. Kwok, the Foreign Ministry's Special Commissioner in Hong Kong, is at present in consultation with the Government in Nanking but has been maintaining strict silence on the issue.

Canton Outburst

Meanwhile in Canton, press reaction towards the eviction notice issued by the Hong Kong Public Works Department to some 2,000 Chinese in Kowloon City, requiring them to evacuate before Dec. 11, is one of general dissatisfaction.

Press editorials in Canton express indignation over the latest issue in Sino-British relations. The greatest expectation is being placed on the Chinese Foreign Ministry to secure an amicable settlement of the issue.

A report from Taipei said an emergency resolution was passed by the Taiwan Provincial Assembly, protesting against the continued occupation of Kowloon by Britain.—Central News.

Envoy States Position

Nanking, Dec. 9. In an interview tonight, the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, commenting on the eviction order of the Hong Kong Government declared: "The eviction order is purely administrative and was made in the interests of public health and safety."

Sir Ralph said that the Chinese moved into the area many months ago and, in spite of repeated orders to move to prevent overcrowding, they have remained.

The Ambassador said that the area has no sanitation and that while the people remained, "apart from reasons of health, the risk of fire was still very considerable."

Sir Ralph, pointed out that since the liberation of the Colony, the Hong Kong Government had not restricted immigration and in consequence of this the colony was now vastly overcrowded.

He pointed out that at the time of the Japanese surrender, the population of Hong Kong was approximately 230,000, but now, said Sir Ralph, the figure is more than 2,000,000.—Reuter.

The Weather

A new anti-cyclone has developed over Mongolia and is spreading southward over North and Central China.

A trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China to the Sea of Japan. The depression is moving ENE across Korea and Japan.

OUTBREAKS IN SOUTH FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 9. Fresh fighting between strikers and troops was reported from Arles, Southern France, today as the Government of Premier Robert Schuman indicated that it might requisition the northern coal mines.

The strikers tried to seize the town hall of Arles early this morning. The police forces, outnumbered, fell back into the building from which they hurled tear gas bombs at the crowd. The crowd broke but reformed and advanced again on the town hall. Troops who had been called to maintain order after strikers held the town for almost 24 hours on Friday finally dispersed the crowd and released the police from the town hall. The first reports did not mention any casualties.

Meanwhile Pierre Abelin, Secretary of State to Premier Schuman, said in a statement late last night that Government "might have to requisition the mines."

The minefields, one of the strongest pro-Communist areas in France, were occupied yesterday by 10,000 motorised troops equipped with tanks to permit freedom of work. Early reports today indicated workers returning to the mines in increasing numbers.

However, Communist "commando" squads are still roaming the area beating "blacklegs" and intimidating workers.

Sabotage Foiled
A sabotage attempt near Bordeaux on the Archaon railway was discovered today before the train had crossed the point.

Two metal rail supports were discovered fastened atop the rails and were removed. At Bealers near Marseilles, railwaymen attempting to return to work were halted by a group of women barring their way.

But at Marseilles the back-to-work movement progressed with postmen delivering mail to many sections of the city for the first time since Nov. 27.

Scattered incidents of sabotage still were reported from different parts of France as Communist-led strikers continued to

try to slow down railroad operation.

A bomb was found on the right of way on the Clermont-Nimes line early today just before the Paris-Nimes express passed. A guard discovered and removed the bomb.—United Press.

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HARSH RED NOTE TO FRANCE

London, Dec. 9. Moscow Radio broadcast a Soviet note to France today saying that Russia is breaking off trade talks with France because of the French action in raiding the repatriation camp and throwing out of the country a group of Russians.

The note said that in view of the repatriation squabble Russia withdrew visas for 18 members of the French trade delegation scheduled to go to Moscow for talks.

The Soviet note rejected France's complaints of "subversive" activities against France by two members of the Soviet Reparation Commission as a "foolishness."

It said that the Soviet Government regards such actions on the French Government's part as hostile and contrary to the spirit of alliance and mutual assistance between the USSR and France and that it holds the French Government responsible for the consequences.

The note added "The Soviet Government has instructed all members of the Soviet Reparation Commission to leave France and requests that members of the French Reparation Mission in the USSR leave territory of the USSR forthwith."—United Press.

HEAVY WEATHER IN CHANNEL

London, Dec. 9. Six tugs, towing a large floating dock to Boulogne, were in difficulties off Folkestone, while battling heavy seas in the Channel.

The tugs made westward after daylight to anchor, for the time being off Dungeness, in sheltered waters.—Reuter.

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SIR VICTOR SASOON ON CONTROLS DANGER

Dangers Arising From Red Tape

The danger of trade and exchange controls being switched from economic purposes to political ends was stressed by Sir Victor Sassoon in his talk before Hong Kong Rotary yesterday.

Very often, said Sir Victor, people administering controls forgot entirely the original reason for which such controls were instituted.

"I definitely say that controls should not be kept one day longer than is absolutely necessary, and if kept should be purely for economic purposes," said Sir Victor.

Sir Victor Sassoon, who was speaking on "Control and its Effects," dealt first with the disadvantages of control, and the heavy losses often arising from red tape and bureaucratic administration.

Last year, he said, Government suffered a tremendous loss from huge quantities of potatoes rotting because the authorities did not unfreeze supplies held in control.

The same position more or less applied this year to building materials, large stores of which were being held in reserve, despite acute shortage at home and demand abroad, just because Government might at some future time require these supplies.

In 1943, went on Sir Victor, the Argentine started exchange control because it saw the United States and the United Kingdom had it. The reason given was that Argentina had

to raising an iron curtain over our intercourse with the outside world.

H.K. Fortunate
"It is all contrary to the aims and intentions of U.N.O. in that it is creating conditions providing for the least contact with one another. That is the real danger of control, and I say that it should be lifted as soon as possible. And if it must still be kept, it must be kept for economic reasons only," concluded Sir Victor.

The speaker was thanked by Rotarian P.S. Cassidy, who said Hong Kong was particularly fortunate in its bureaucrats who have all along behaved with much common sense and have given commercial men the least inconvenience possible.

Form filling and red tape are reduced to the minimum, and in this respect Hong Kong can set a good example to other places.

Keeping Dollars Out

"We must do something to prevent further dollars coming in or we shall be flooded," they said, and no control was instituted to clamp down on remittances from abroad. Travelers coming into the country were required to have their dollar spendings rationed.

Later, when the war ended, people were allowed to bring money in provided they could satisfy the Central Bank the money was required for industrial purposes, and would be taken out of the country again in two years. Everything was done to keep out the dollar.

The Government also started to pay off its debts, install a new telephone system, bought radios and otherwise embarked on large scale spending. Before long the country avowed to find its dollar reserve almost exhausted.

Financial policy was then reversed. More dollars must be got and conserved. A ban on export of dollars was forthwith instituted, but the administration forgot that under the original order dollars were not allowed to be brought into the country.

Exchange Control

Referring to exchange control at home, Sir Victor said on his return to England in June, in conversation with the Governor of the Bank of England and other financial authorities, he questioned the reason for not allowing our nationals to spend their Sterling in France, Holland and Denmark, which owed us considerable sums of Sterling.

"It is unlike the case of the United States and the necessity of conserving the precious dollar. Why not apply sterling spendings in those countries to be set off against their debts to us?" asked Sir Victor.

The reply was that they had to treat all nations—debtors and creditors—alike.

Again, France offered to ship £1,000,000 worth of wine to Britain, from which large sums could have been collected in the form of import duty and luxury tax. The offer was turned down by the British Government.

"I was told the reason for turning down the offer was that the wine would go down the wrong throats," said Sir Victor amid laughter.

Real Danger

Sir Victor had also something to say on restrictions on Sterling spending by travellers going abroad.

When asked the reason of such restriction the Powers, that he replied: "Oh, these drones leave the country in order to avoid the austerity at home."

"But," suggested Sir Victor, "why not let these drones eat somebody else's food and leave more for those at home?"

In more serious vein, Sir Victor said, the real and greatest danger of control not only in Britain but also the world over, is its discouragement of trade and the bar it places on people travelling freely from one country to another.

The import of many essential things is precluded, including books and papers. We are precluded from visiting other countries, as people in other countries are precluded from visiting us, thus putting a stop to that intercourse which is so necessary for furthering international understanding and fellowship. It was tantamount

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SHIP ACCIDENT

Serious injuries were sustained by a coolie, Cheng Hing, when he was accidentally knocked down into the hold of the "Hui Sheng" yesterday. Cheng fell some 25 feet and was rushed to hospital, where he has been detained.

Government And Charities

It was not the intention of Government to impose its will on voluntary societies, declared the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at the 14th annual meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children yesterday.

In the chair was the President, Mr. G.P. de Martin, M.B.E., and on either side of him (Sir) Alexander Grantham, who is Patron of the Society, and Lady Grantham.

Mr. de Martin said in part: "The routine work of the Society is carried on in Centres where the inspectors provide help for the least happily conditioned children of this place. These experienced ladies are competent to advise mothers most of whom know little or nothing of infant hygiene. The inspectors also visit homes—though the word is something of a misnomer."

"I cannot mention these Centres without acknowledging the debt of thanks which we owe the inspectors for the devotion they bring to their work. Most of this is done without reference to anyone else, but attached to each Centre there is an Honorary Branch Secretary to whom inspectors can refer in non-routine cases."

"Another function of the Society is informative, that is to make known the conditions under which many children exist in this place. It is part of our routine to inquire into the incomes and housing of those who came to us for help. The average family incomes are higher than before the war, but I need not tell any of you here that this does not indicate a proportionate, or, indeed, necessarily any amelioration of living conditions. I have here some figures from a Branch Secretaries' Monthly Report and find that of 165 families 23 had no income at all; 26 below \$50 a month and 80 between \$50 and \$100. The average number of children in a family is two and for the whole year the average income per member of family is \$20."

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Tenders must attach to each Tender a deposit receipt showing that they have deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$100 as a pledge of the BONA FIDES of their Tenders, which sum shall be forfeited to the Hong Kong Government if the successful Tenderer fails or refuses to carry out his Tender. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful Tenderers.

Forms of tender and further particulars may be obtained from The Secretary, Film Censoring Panel, Windsor House (3rd floor), Hong Kong.

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(Sgd.) D. M. MacDOUGALL,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1947.

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G. MILNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1947.

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The Grand Christmas Dance for members and their guests, will be held at the Club House, Gascoigne Road, on Saturday 20th December, 1947, from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m.

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NOTICE

The HONG SECTION of the DOLLAR DIRECTORY 1948 issue is now closed. Firms sending their copies now, will be included in the Addenda Section.

CASE AGAINST KRUPP OPENS Twelve Former Officials Charged With War Plunder And Slavery

National Defence In Greece

London, Dec. 8.
A National Defence Corps in being formed in Greece, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, stated in a Parliamentary reply today.

He knew that 20 battalions had been formed and a similar number was in the process of formation.

Mr. McNeill was replying to the Labour Member, Mr. Phillips Price, who asked what the British Military Mission in Greece had done to advise the Greek Government on the necessity for special military tactics to deal with the guerrillas, and particularly for organising a system of Home Guards for the defence of villages.

The Minister replied that the functions of the Mission were confined to training and organisation. They did not give operational advice. The Mission, however, certainly attached importance to freeing Greek regular forces from static defence duties in villages and areas which had been cleared.

To this end, the National Defence Corps was being formed. —Reuter.

How Armaments Were Kept A Secret

Nuremberg, Dec. 8.
War plunder and slavery were charged against the firm of Krupp when the trial of 12 former officials of the once mighty German munitions combine opened here today before an American war crimes court.

The United States chief prosecutor, Brigadier General Telford Taylor and his staff charged the Krupp officials with having effected a coalition between the policies of the fabulous armaments "Empire" and the Nazi Party.

Of Krupp, which became practically a "State within a State" in 1943 under an official commendation from Hitler, the deputy prosecutor, Mr. Joseph Kaufman, said: "There was no crime such as a State could commit—whether it was war, plunder or slavery—in which these men would not participate."

Although not on trial, the former chief of the combine, Gustav Krupp, was accused of rallying German industry behind the Nazi dictatorship early in 1933 and of levying money from it for Hitler.

He was accused of moulding the Krupp policy to meet every development in the Nazi plans of aggression, new cannon and repair 238 damaged pieces between the Armistice and July, 1919.

The deputy prosecutor alleged that Krupp managed to circumvent the treaty limitations on the production of the Disarmament Commission. This was done with the "secret support and encouragement" of the new German Government.

Mr. Kaufman charged that Krupp, after the Versailles Treaty, decided to go on secretly developing new technical improvements on weapons as well as to keep close contact with the scientists on its staff who might be called upon suddenly to arm for the day when "Germany must again fight to rise."

The Krupp report read in court revealed the ends to which the arms manufacturing plant went to camouflage its intentions. To the surprise of many people, Krupp began to manufacture products very different from the previous work of the armament plant. Even Allied commissions were duped.

Padlocks, milk cans, cash registers, track repair machines, carts and similar "small junk" appeared really unsuspicious and even locomotives and automobiles made an entirely "civilian impression."

The American prosecutor charged that captured German Navy records proved that in 1922 Krupp established a dummy Dutch company to experiment outside Germany with an underwater warship and thus avoid an obvious breach of the Versailles Treaty.

Not only did the disguised Dutch branch of the Krupp shipbuilding enterprise experiment on new developments, Kruppman said, but it also actually built submarines for sale to other Governments during the period when Germany was generally believed to be more interested in peaceful invention.

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Directors On Trial

Hamburg, Dec. 8.
The trial of the directors of the Askania works in the American sector of Berlin, where, at the beginning of August, United States intelligence officers announced that they had discovered large undeclared stocks of military and naval precision instruments, began before the American military court in Berlin today.

Three directors — Count Rudolf Westard, Emil Wuenach, and Carl Luedke — were charged with the manufacture, storing and export of war material without the American military court's permission.

A number of workers at the factory were also charged. United States intelligence officers were earlier reported to have found on the premises of the Askania Works semi-completed gyroscopic motors for use in aircraft, submarines and tanks as well as periscopes, theodolites and other similar instruments. These earlier reports said that the directors would face charges of selling war material to the Russians. —Reuter.

MORE MOSCOW ATTACKS

Moscow, Dec. 8.
British experts "in misinformation" were blamed by Pravda correspondents Boris Izakov and Yuri Zhukov today for the reports in the British press on the Big Four talks which, they said, "reflected an attempt to distort the Soviet foreign policy and prepare the accounts in such a way as to enable any failure to be ascribed to the Soviet Union."

The correspondents added that the British Foreign Office could not "evade the responsibility for the misinformation to which the London press regularly resorts" since it had undertaken to inform the press about the proceedings of the session. —Reuter.

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12.45 p.m.—Dorothy Squires (Vocal); and George Scott Wood and His Orchestras.

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1.15 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Grand Hotel" Albert Baudier; and His Palm Court Orchestra with "Denise" (Ballet).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Studio: Children's Hour.
6.30 p.m.—Studio: Anniversary. Half-Hour presented by Monica Jacobs.
7.00 p.m.—Lafayette Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Hungarian Organ Band.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Bring You Music" Classical Recital. Programme presented by "Radio City."
8.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Maid for Romance" Bar Laupold and His Players, with Jack Cooper to sing.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
8.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
8.30 p.m.—Dance to Victor Strasser's Ballroom Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Three Musketeers" by The Ambassadors' Dance Band.
9.15 p.m.—The Ambassadors' Dance Band.
9.30 p.m.—Perennial Favourites.
9.45 p.m.—News, Weather Report, and Announcements for B.B.C. and ZBW.
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10.15 p.m.—Studio: Ballroom.
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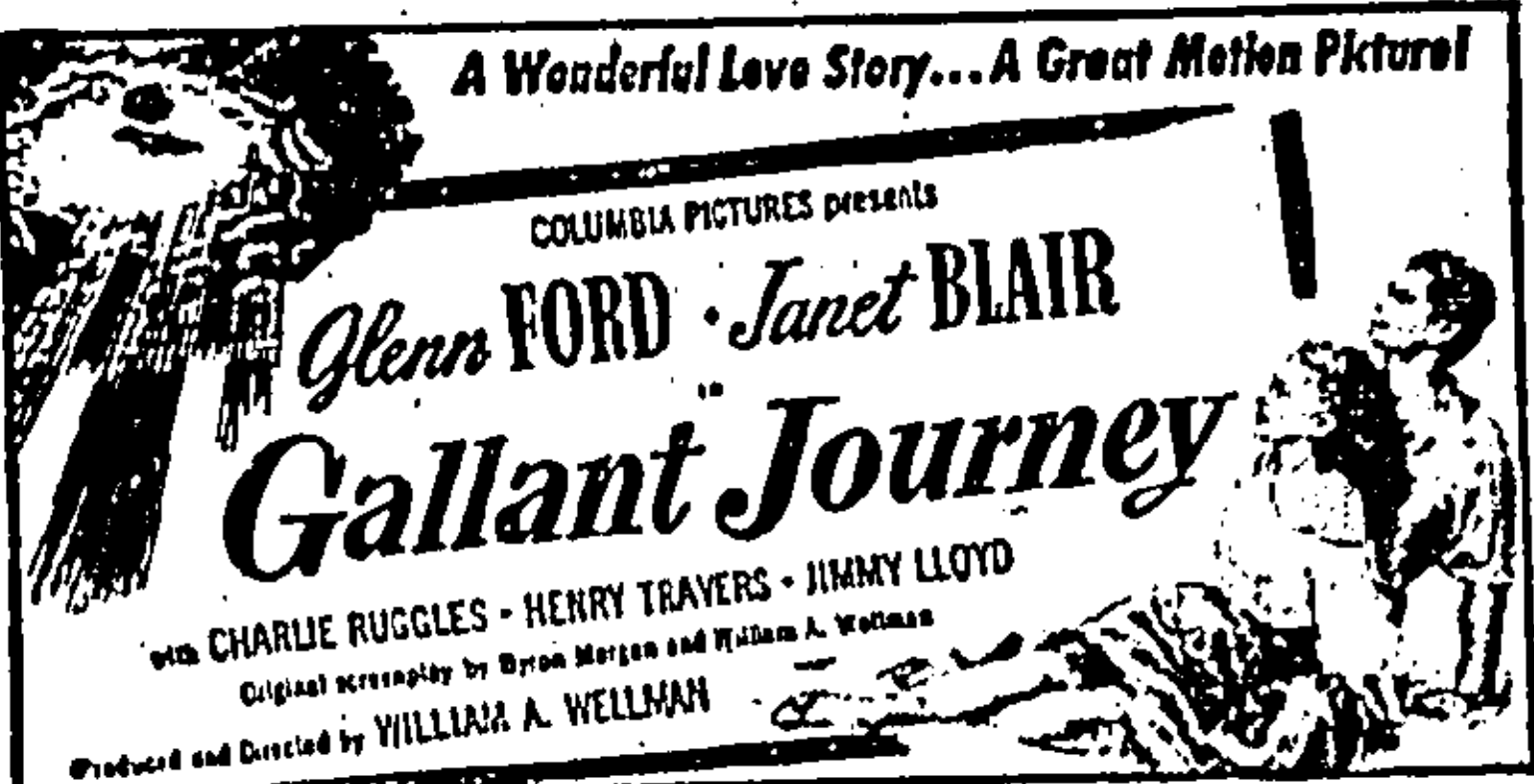
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French Strikers Warned

No Pay For Days Lost By Strikes

Paris, Dec. 9.
Premier Robert Schuman's Government de-
manded tonight that French strikers return to
work by Wednesday and told them they would
receive no pay for the days lost during the
walk-outs.

The Cabinet offered, however, to pay a cost of
living premium of US\$13 monthly retroactive
to Nov. 24 for those workers back at their
benches by Wednesday, and said it would not
attempt to prosecute strikers under terms of
the new stringent strike control law.

The Government handed its
terms to the Communist-dominant
General Confederation of
Labour, as that organisation
was shaken by a rank and file
revolt and the apparent failure
of its attempt to increase the
paralysis of France with a 48-
hour walk-out of public service
workers.

The industrial stoppages which
have dislocated France's econo-
my and social life for three
weeks were on the wane tonight.
Miners in the northern coal-
fields have resumed work on a
big scale after strike pickets had
been dispersed by troops, who
arrived in many of the mining
districts this afternoon.

As the nationwide "back to
work" trends strengthened, the
Confederation of Labour was
due to resume negotiations with
M. Schuman's government.
Most At Work
Few civil servants obeyed the
call for a token strike planned
for today and tomorrow.
Most of their employees were
working as usual, according to
officials of the following minis-
tries: the Prime Minister's Of-
fice; Foreign Affairs, Interior,
Public Health, German Affairs,

Troops Pounce On Strikers

PARIS, DEC. 8.
TEN THOUSAND TROOPS,
INCLUDING PARATROOPERS
FROM INDO-CHINA, SUP-
PORTED BY TANKS AND
ARMOURD CARS, SWEEPED
THROUGH THE NORTHERN
COAL FIELDS AND ROUTED
COMMUNIST STRIKE LEAD-
ERS BLOCKING THE BACK
TO WORK MOVEMENT.

A large force of Moroccan
troops, paratroopers from Indo-
China and tank units moved into
St. Etienne in the centre of the
coal basin where for two days
50,000 Communist-led strikers
held Government buildings and
vital communications.

The town was reported quiet
tonight.
The full-scale military opera-
tion was timed to coincide with
the general return to work
throughout France. Less than
one million were on strike today
and tens of thousands were re-
ported ready to go back to their
jobs tomorrow morning.—United
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BEVIN ILL

London, Dec. 8.
Mr. Ernest Bevin, the
Foreign Secretary, was not
present at today's session of
the Council of Big Four
Foreign Ministers, owing to
a slight indisposition.
His place was taken by
Lord Pakenham, Minister
responsible for the British
Zone of Germany.
It was hoped that Mr.
Bevin would resume his
place at tomorrow's meet-
ing.—Reuter.

Protest Over Cost Of Nuts

LONDON, DEC. 9.
PROTESTS OVER THE
HIGH COST OF NUTS FOR
CHRISTMAS WERE VOICED
IN THE HOUSE OF COM-
MONS TO-DAY WHEN IT
WAS DISCLOSED THAT THE
FOOD MINISTRY HAD
MADE A PROFIT OF 250%
ON THE SALE OF YULE-
TIDE DELICACIES.

Conservative Norman Bower
accused the Food Ministry of
"exploiting" the public for
"monopoly profits" and other
members protested that Brazil
nuts were selling as high as 7d.
apiece in the markets.

Food Minister John Strachey
said that most of the sales by
the Ministry were made at a loss
but that the price of a "small
quantity" of nuts jumped sharp-
ly at auctions because they were
the last that Britain will import
for some time.—Associated
Press.

British Tired Of Socialism?

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.
Viscount Hinchinbrooke, Con-
servative Member of Parliament,
predicted today that the Labour
Government will collapse "in
eight or 10 months time."
Addressing a Town Hall meet-
ing here, the Viscount declared
that the Atlee Government will
fall after a financial crisis during
the summer of 1948.
"The British people are tired
of the present Government's au-
sultory programme," he said. "The
recent municipal elections indi-
cate very clearly that there is a
national revulsion against the So-
cialist Government."—Asso-
ciated Press.

Broadcast Brought Good News

LONDON, DEC. 8.
AT THE END OF A BBC
BROADCAST LAST NIGHT,
THE ANNOUNCER SAID TO
THE BRITISH-BORN WIFE
OF A GERMAN: "YOU HAD
BETTER TELL YOUR HUS-
BAND THE GOOD NEWS
YOU HAVE HEARD."

Mrs. Violet Riedl, a school-
mistress of Raynes Park, Lon-
don, had been speaking in the
programme "I married a Ger-
man."
She married Johann Riedl,
of Karlsruhe, in 1938 and be-
came a refugee when the war
broke out. As a displaced per-
son, she made her way from
Poland across Europe to Eng-
land. And now the announcer
invited her to speak to her hus-
band, a proved anti-Nazi work-
ing as an interpreter in the
American Zone.

She returned to the micro-
phone and the news she gave
Johann was that she had a
letter from the Home Secretary
giving him permission to visit
her in England if he obtains
an exit permit from Germany.
—Reuter.

"Pope Of Youth"

London, Dec. 8.
Pope Pius XII, addressing young
Italians of the Catholic Action
Organisation at a solemn audi-
ence, said that the future belong-
ed to youth that knows how to
conquer and dominate, and must
be ready to defend their faith and
preserve order, the Vatican Radio
reported.
He said that just as the audi-
ence wished to be the "Pope's
young people," he wished to be
the "Pope of youth."—Reuter.

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BIG FOUR

The Big Four of the Council of Foreign Ministers have now been in continuous session for more than a fortnight without reaching absolute deadlock, or very much else. It might have been thought that the Austrian treaty could have been disposed of, so that there should be no further prolongation of the occupation of a country not regarded as an enemy State, but even here Molotov has been completely uncompromising, and discussion of the Austrian Treaty has been discontinued. On Germany, no better progress has been made. In fact, the impression has grown that M. Molotov's tactics are designed to prevent an agreement, while keeping the door a little way open, for the reason that there is a distinct distraction of interest from Lancaster House to the other side of the Channel, where the French political situation has been unfolding. The Communist purpose to create economic and political chaos in France has not been concealed, nor it is obscure where this programme originated. M. Duclos, the parliamentary leader of the French Communists, was the principal French participant in the Cominform. Three other French Communist leaders, including M. Thorez, the nominal chief of the party, arrived back only ten days ago from Moscow. Anarchy in France would not only make it difficult for her to participate in the Marshall Plan, but might well preclude any coherent French policy in regard to Germany. Hence M. Molotov has probably been going slow until he could judge the effect of the Kremlin plans in France and also in Italy—where similar Communist moves to disorganise civil life are all too visible. The tactics of those seeking to disrupt France have so far been tentative and uncertain—another example of marking time—but it may well be that M. Thorez has brought back from Moscow a more definite directive. Sabotage, intimidation and the seizure of factories or Government offices by mass action have so far produced strikes in many trade unions and in many areas. Though the C.G.T. (the French T.U.C.) is under Communist domination, its members are largely non-Communist. Hence the opposition of the Communists to secret ballot before a strike, and hence, too, their efforts to spread disorder by roving bands of strike leaders rather than by a call for a General Strike, a call which they realised would be disputed or largely disregarded. Two signs now are that the Communist attempt to paralyse France has been defeated and defeated without civil war—and that the grip of extremists in the C.G.T. is loosened for the future. M. Schuman and his colleagues have taken the boldest measures and the stringent anti-sabotage laws are at least having an effect. It was a risk. Too rigorous action against the unions could have alienated patriotic workmen with real grievances. Too easy leniency would, however, have opened the road to further insurrectionary tactics and weakened those forces in the unions which are trying to remove the Moscow yoke. The position has, in fact, so much improved that the hint that Mr. Marshall, Mr. Bevin and M. Bidault are preparing to force a showdown with the Russian delegate is undoubtedly well authenticated. The visible signs of failure of the Communist campaign in France are now obvious. The opportunity to force a showdown with the Russian delegate is undoubtedly well authenticated. The visible signs of failure of the Communist campaign in France are now obvious.

SPLIT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST WIDENS

By Robert Hensley

As the United Nations General Assembly terminated, the consensus of most delegates was that its main effect had been to document still further the split between the Soviet Union and the Western world.

The voting in the Assembly during the past 10 weeks clearly showed that at least three-quarters of the nations of the world were backing the United States in the showdown test of economic and ideological strength with Russia.

While United States officials took some satisfaction from the fact that they won Assembly support in most battles with the Russians, they, as well as the representatives of other nations, would have preferred to find some means of rapprochement with the Soviets.

The session ended on a note of frustration with an increasing number of delegates expressing outright pessimism regarding the success of the world organisation. It appears that the Soviet is gradually isolating herself from the practical work of the United Nations while, at the same time, having no intention of formally quitting the organisation.

Major Breaks

Three major breaks came over the creation of the Balkans Commission, the "Little Assembly" and the sending to Korea of a United Nations commission. The United States suc-

cessfully sponsored all the three issues and won Assembly approval over most strenuous Soviet objection which ended with the announcement that Russia would boycott all three groups.

Most delegates agreed it would not at all be likely that anything constructive could be accomplished by the United Nations in the Balkans, Korea or the Little Assembly without Russian participation.

The Soviet and the United States succeeded in agreeing on only one major issue—the necessity for partitioning Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states.

And as the Assembly enters its last few days it is still not apparent whether even Soviet-American accord on this would be enough to win for the plan the necessary two-thirds majority in the voting.

Other Highlights

Among other highlights of the Assembly session were the action taken on the question of the admission of new members, the Soviet demand that the United Nations condemn warmongering in the United States and some other nations and efforts to restrict the veto power which the big five nations enjoy in the Security Council.

The United States and the United Kingdom, with the backing of numerous other nations, suc-

ceeded in winning approval of a resolution calling for the Security Council to reconsider the membership applications of Italy, Trans-Jordan, Elze, Finland and Austria all of whom were vetoed earlier by the Soviet.

The Soviet demand that the United States and other nations take punitive action against warmongers was watered down considerably by the Assembly which finally merely expressed condemnation of propaganda from any quarter which tended to incite war.

The Assembly decided the Little Assembly, which will sit in-between the end of this session and the beginning of the next but without participation of the Soviet bloc of nations, should consider the question of whether and how the veto power should be modified.

Reverse Trend

The Assembly action this year showed a definite reverse trend in sentiment on two issues compared with last year. In 1946 the Assembly voted to have all member nations recall their ambassadors from Spain and recommended the Security Council to take further action "within reasonable time" if Franco remained in power.

This year despite strong demands from the Soviet bloc for stiffer action the Assembly adopted a much milder resolution. It even failed to reaffirm last year's resolution and merely passed a relatively weak statement noting its assumption that the Security Council might take any action necessary against Franco when it believes the situation warrants.

In 1946 the Assembly implicitly condemned South Africa's treatment of Indians and called upon the two nations to work out a method of rectifying the alleged situation. This year several resolutions on the subject were introduced by India and her supporters but none was able to muster the required two-thirds vote.

Though the sentiment of many delegates was a reversal of the trend on these two issues, it did not necessarily stem from any general change in opinion on the basic merits of either question. Rather observers thought it but one more manifestation of an increasing tendency of nations to choose sides as between Moscow and Washington. On both issues the United States favoured the course eventually adopted while the Soviet demanded stronger action.—United Press.

New Delhi, Dec. 8.

Steps are being taken to get up in India two major steel production plants, each with a capacity of 500,000 ingot tons, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerji, Minister of Industry and Supplies, told the Constituent Assembly today.—Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Looks like another banner day for the safe, Hapgood! Incidentally, it's your turn to open the doors!"

The White Crosses In The Reichswald

BY NORAH DUFF

In the Reichswald Forest. The Reichswald, its dense woods and moor-like open spaces, is quiet enough today. In the thin autumn sunlight falling leaves loiter down to join the red, bronze and gold drifts lying along the tracks and ditches. A chill north-easterly wind comes from the Dutch plains, and the wood-gathering parties of Germans stamp their feet and blow on their hands as they load their carts.

But this peaceful scene was the stage on which was fought one of the sternest battles of the war. The clearing of the forest in February, 1945, in appalling conditions of flood and mud, was the key to the series of great operations which took 21st Army Group to the west bank of the Rhine, and across the river itself the following month.

One of the forest clearings lies alongside the road which runs south from Cleve through the eastern part of the forest and in that clearing rest the men who did not return from these battles.

Scottish Divisions

Here lie 3600 men of the 15th (Scottish), 43rd, 49th, 51st (Highland), 52nd (Lowland) and 53rd Divisions, who fell in the Reichswald, Rhine and Moselle battles, and the tankmen, signallers, gunners, medical and supply personnel who died while supporting and caring for the infantry.

That is only half the total. In their own section are buried 3400 officers and men of the Royal Air Force, over half of them unidentified, whose bodies have been brought here from all over the world to be buried in the peace of the Reichswald where they were shot down in the years-long air war over Germany.

Over 7000 fighting men lie beneath the white crosses of this metal, black lettered, which make a sad perspective in the long, tree-surrounded clearing. Their company is not yet complete for more graves are dug every day in the hard, sandy soil to receive bodies brought in from their first resting-places. The burial ground, when completed next year, will have 9000 graves.

Here lie men of the Camerons, H.L.I., Black Watch, Camerons, Seaforth, Gordons, A. and S.H., K.O.S.B., Royal Scots. Almost every unit which Scotland raised during the war is represented.

General's Grave

Here lies the General who led the 51st Division in the assault on the forest and across the Rhine. There is nothing to mark his grave out from those of his men who lie around him. The same white cross bears the inscription, in the same black lettering, "Major-General T. G. Rennie, C.B., D.S.O., M.B.E., B.W., R.A. 25/3/45." On his right lies Lt. Colonel H. Blench of the Camerons, killed in action on the same day as his general; on the other side, Pte. D. Strachan of the Black Watch, killed on April 11th.

Around lie the graves of hundreds of officers and men of the Scots battalions, and nearby sleep their comrades of the Middlesex, Rifle Brigade, Durham Light Infantry, men of all the units which fought in the series of great battles which raged over this Rhineland countryside in the early months of 1945.

The simple crosses which mark their graves are not the only material monuments these men have.

Across their battlefields lie the shattered towns which felt their might—Wesel, even in sunshine the centre of town Cleve where the tall weeds are beginning to hide the mounds of rubble, Goch which was cleared by 15th and 51st Divisions in forty-eight hours of bitter fighting among the ruins.

All these battles were brilliant feats of arms, but the cost was heavy as the white crosses in the Reichswald clearing testify.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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REVERSING THE LOGIC

In all ordinary circumstances, possession of a sufficient number of cards of your partner's suit is a reason for causing the hand to be played in that suit. In the most extraordinary situations, however, when some terrific bid or bids by him indicates that he hasn't a thing of merit in his hand except a whole of a suit—total lack of cards in it can be a reason for letting him "run" the trump. It may be that you can never put the lead in his hand, without any cards of his suit, unless it is the trump.

S. K. Q. J. H. K. Q. J. D. A. K. 10 9 7 6 2 C. None

S. A. 10 7 6 5 4 3 2 H. A. J 7 6 5 4 3 2 D. J. 4 3 2 C. 3

S. 6 3 H. 4 C. None D. A. K. Q. 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 (Dealer: North. Neither side vul.)

North South West East 1 D Pass 5 C Pass 2 D Pass 6 C Pass

Here was one of those rare cases in which it was a good thing a certain bid was made. South was set only one trick in his 4-Club contract by the two major suits, whereas the 3-Diamonds by which he had been beaten cost him two more.

What was South's 4-Club bid for? Was it a very simple matter? Would he have been able to win the game?

5-Diamonds bid was correct, which it was not. In fact, it was a terrible bid. Whenever one partner hears a suit bid across from him and immediately jumps to game in another suit, he is indicating that his hand contains not a solitary thing of value except that long suit. It should warn a keen partner that he will never be able to take a trick in that hand, if that partner becomes the declarer, unless he happens to have one or more cards of the long suit, which has been shown. North did not possess a solitary club, so should have let the bid alone, realising that only two tricks could be lost by the side if South's suit was solid.

South's call was not as bad as North's. At least he could count on getting into North's hand, probably, since the latter had shown some high card strength by opening the auction. With no diamonds he was misled to have North take the play away from him.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. J. 10 8 5 4 H. 10 9 7 6 D. 7 5 C. 12

S. K. Q. J. H. K. Q. J. D. 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 C. 10 7 6 5 4 3 2

S. A. 6 3 H. A. 6 3 D. 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 C. 10 7 6 5 4 3 2

(Dealer: South. Neither side vul. How should South play for a win? What game? What was the result?)

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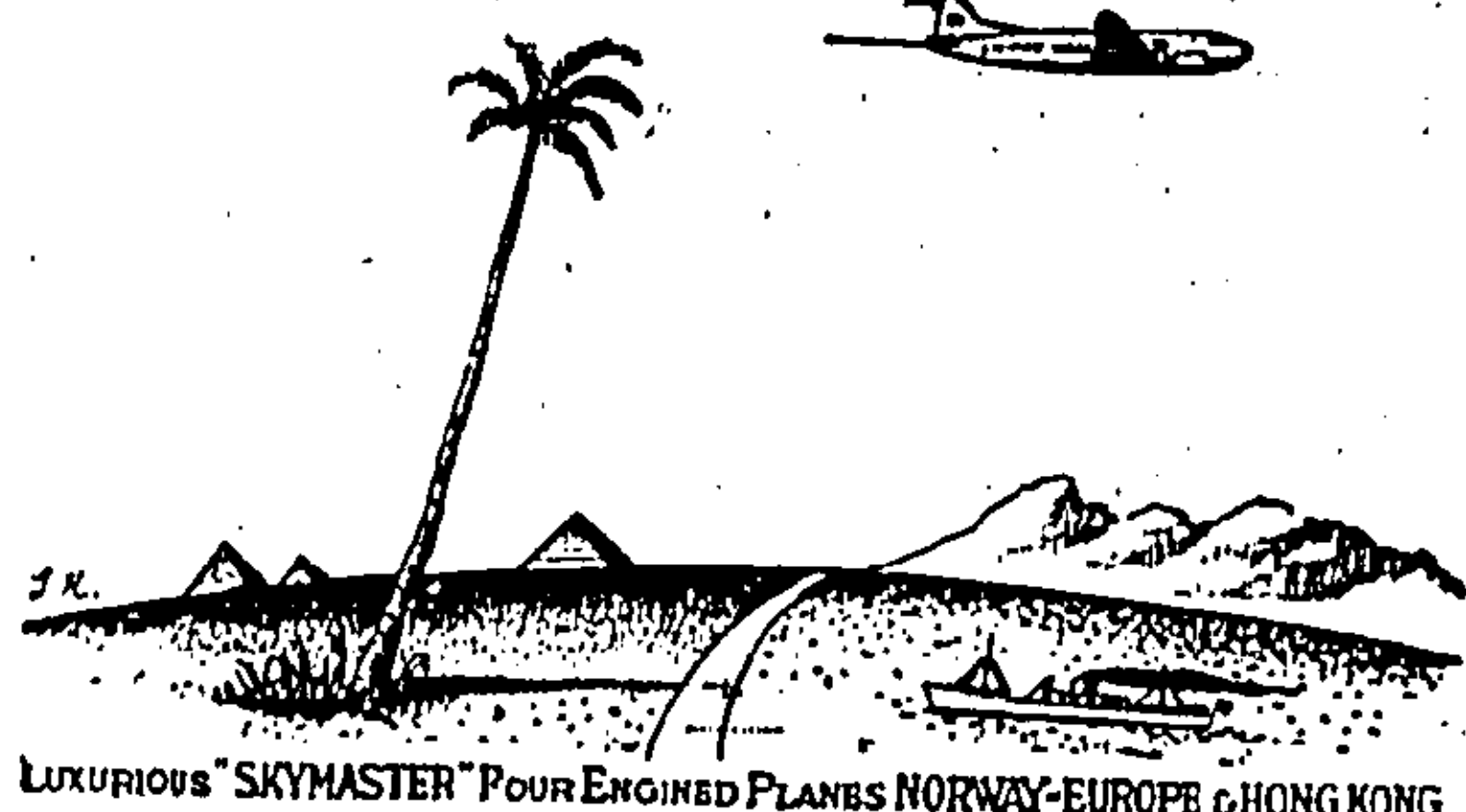
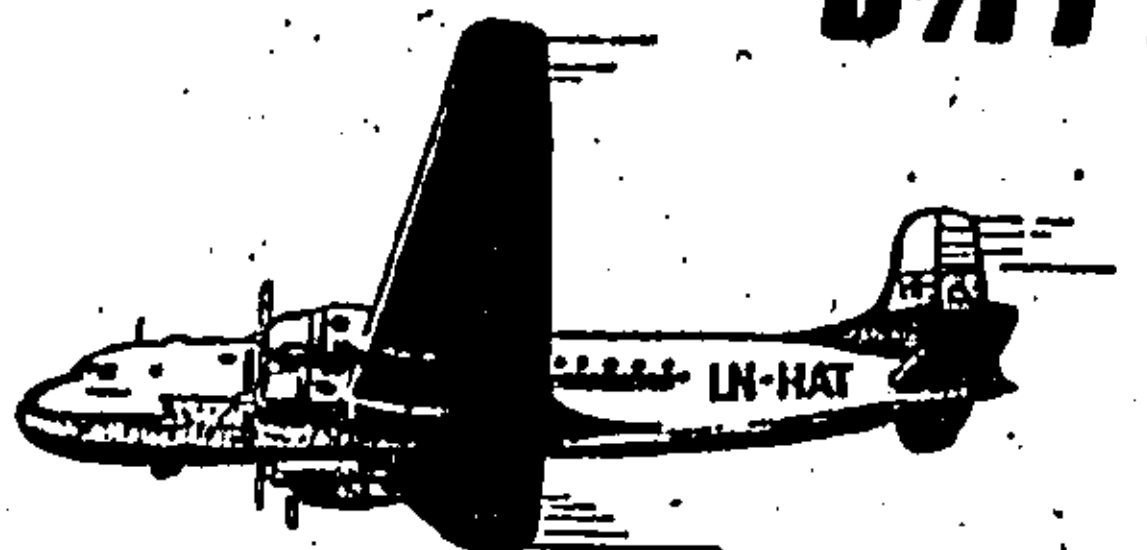
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The radium was in a number of radium needles thrown into the hospital's furnace and burnt. The coke clinker, removed from the furnace, was found to be radioactive, so the Ministry agreed to send a lorry to lead the clinker to the Radio Chemical Centre at Amersham, which deals with all radioactive substances. The Centre will measure the amount of radium in the clinker and decide if it is an economic proposition to extract it.

Some of the coke clinker, which is only very slightly radioactive, is to be dumped in the sea.—Reuter.

Athens, Dec. 8. Press despatches said today that 57 rebels were killed over the week-end in Government operations against guerrillas in northern Greece. Snow and cold weather hampered the cleanup. Associated Press.

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Vital Meeting Of Arabs

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"Unlikely"

London, Dec. 8. Jewish Agency officials were frankly sceptical today of press reports that their colleagues in Palestine had approached the British Army with the offer of military bases to Britain on condition that the Jewish state was to become part of the British Empire. "We have heard nothing of such an offer and we think it extremely unlikely," a spokesman said. "Such a step could only be taken after consultations of the highest authorities of the Zionist movement, who have never considered anything of the kind."—Reuter.

Death Of Lord Croft

ISLEWORTH, DEC. 8. LORD CROFT OF BOURNE-MOUTH, FOR MANY YEARS ONE OF THE LEADING ADVOCATES OF EMPIRE UNITY, HAS DIED IN MID-DLSEX HOSPITAL, AGED 66.

He was a former chairman of the Organisation Committee of the Tariff Reform League, Chairman of the Empire Industries Association and Chancellor of the Primrose League.

As Under-Secretary of War, he played a leading part in the formation of the Home Guard. He was Chairman and Managing Director of Henry Page & Co. of Ware, and owned a coffee plantation in Kenya. When he became a peer in 1940, he had the unusual experience of piloting a bill through the House of Lords the day after he was introduced.

His family had a remarkable Parliamentary record. There was a Croft in the House of Commons every century since the House began.—Reuter.

"Action, Not Words" Liberation Hqs. Set Up In Cairo?

Cairo, Dec. 8. Haj Amin El Husseini, Mufti of Jerusalem and exiled leader of Palestine's Arabs, is to be received in audience by King Farouk during his present visit to Cairo.

As soon as the present session of the Arab League discussing the Palestine partition here is ended, the Mufti will return to Lebanon where, according to Cairo reports, "Palestine liberation headquarters" have been set up.

The Arab League Council session was described by quilled observers as the "most vital turning point in the history of the modern Arab world."

Its theme, they said, was "action not words." The elaborate security measures at this session have not been applied to previous meetings of the League and were seen as underlining the grave nature of the matters being discussed and the decisions to be taken.

The talks are expected to centre on ways and means of carrying out the decision to "protect" Palestine taken at earlier sessions. It is not expected that the result of the discussions will be made public; a statement will probably be made emphasising the unity of all member states and their determination to oppose the partition of Palestine.

The Egyptian Senate approved unanimously tonight a resolution calling on the Government "to co-operate with other Arab and foreign Governments opposing partition to prevent the execution of the United Nations' decision by all possible means."

The resolution expressed the Senate's resentment at the "unjust decision by the United Nations General Assembly dividing Palestine into two states contrary to the most sacred rites of the Palestinian people and in contradiction of the United Nations Charter."

In Jerusalem, the Palestine Government stated tonight that the decision to withdraw British and Arab troops from a number of Palestine Jewish areas had "nothing whatever to do with the general plan of the withdrawal of the mandatory power from Palestine."

The Government added that the withdrawal was being made "with the object of taking advantage of the offer by the Jewish communities to assist in the maintenance of law and order within the Jewish community and of making more British and Arab police available for duty in the mixed areas."

The Arab town of Jaffa, which adjoins Tel-Aviv, is not included in this withdrawal, a spokesman of the Palestine Government said.

"Buffer" Troops. It was officially stated, however, that the only troops leaving Palestine at the moment were those going to Britain for routine demobilisation.

The suggestion, presumably from Jewish sources, that the withdrawal of British troops and police would leave armed Jews and Arabs facing each other was incorrect.

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Date Advanced

London, Dec. 9. An authoritative source today said the British Government had instructed its delegate to the United Nations (Sir Alexander Cadogan) to inform the United Nations Commission for Palestine that Britain intended to lay down her Palestine mandate on May 15.—United Press.

Jewish C-in-C Shot Dead

TELAVIV, DEC. 8. HOSHUA GLOBERMAN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE TELAVIV AREA FOR THE HAGANAH ORGANIZATION WHICH IS TO PROVIDE THE BASIS OF THE JEWISH ARMY, WAS SHOT DEAD IN AN ARAB AMBUSH ON THE JERUSALEM-TELAVIV HIGHWAY TODAY.

Four Jewish businessmen were stabbed to death in No Man's Land between Jewish Tel Aviv and Arab Jaffa.

No Man's Land was thrown into a panic tonight when the blast of bombs, a burst of gunfire and a brief clash between Arab and Jewish defence forces led to false reports of a "major organized attack" by the Arabs.

Haganah said the panic was caused by members of the Jewish extremist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi, who raced through the streets in trucks and taxicabs crying that the Haganah had failed to "hold the fort."

The idea, according to Haganah, was to create confusion and establish a necessity for recognizing the Irgun as the official defence force.

The Arabs, however, were increasingly active and, aside from their minor No Man's Land attack, they forced a British-escorted truck convoy to turn back in the suburbs in addition to ambushing the Haganah chief, Globberman, who was one of the highest-ranking officers of that organization.—United Press.

Why Russia Voted As She Did

New York, Dec. 9. Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to London and delegate to the UNO General Assembly, Sheikh Hafiz Wabba, said today that Russia voted for the partitioning of Palestine "because they would like to use Palestine to get into the Mediterranean and as a military base."

Acting as spokesman for the Arab delegation leaving today, Wabba said the Russians "were checked in Greece so they will go to Palestine."

Asked how the Russians could get to the Holy Land he replied: "I don't know. Ask the Russians."—Associated Press.

Anglo-Dutch Financial Conference

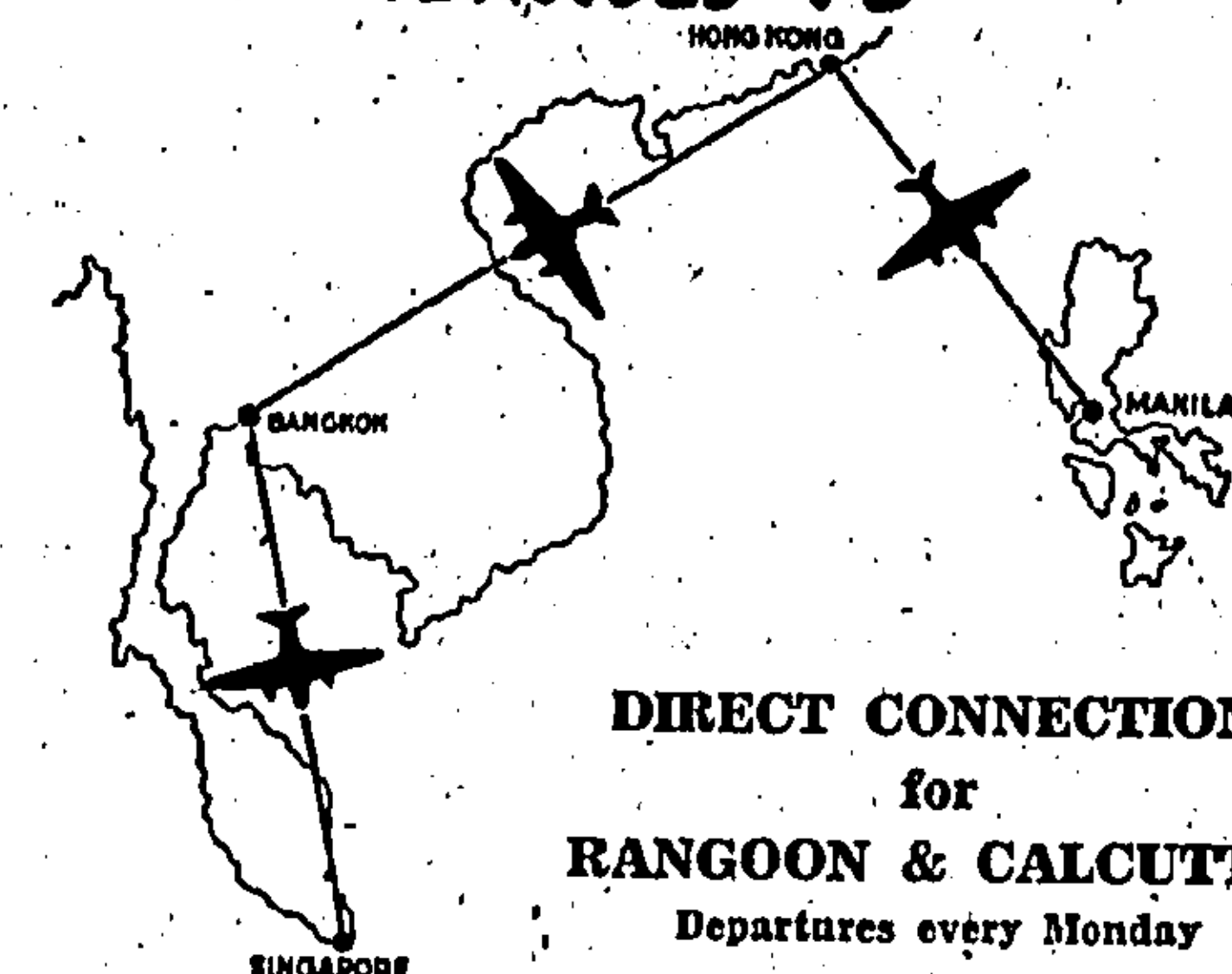
London, Dec. 9. British and Dutch sources said today that Anglo-Dutch trade and financial talks will begin here about Dec. 15. The discussions will be a continuation of negotiations started last March when the Dutch agreed to resume the export of condensed milk, bacon and eggs to the United Kingdom.

A Dutch Embassy spokesman said the Dutch delegation, which will include an Indonesian representative, will be headed by Dr. A. Tweep.

Besides convertibility of sterling, the financial discussions also will be concerned with a settlement of mutual claims resulting from the war.—Associated Press.

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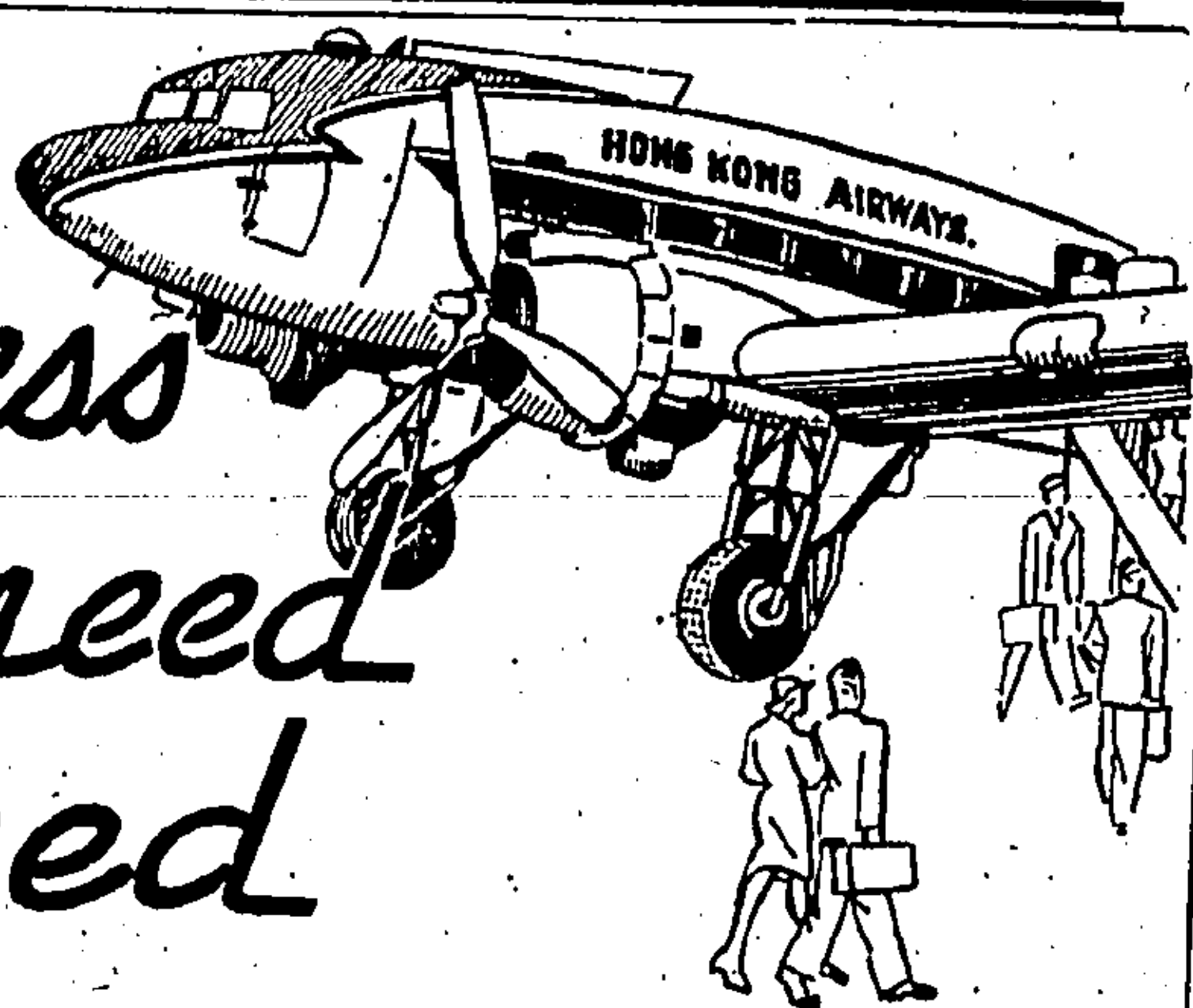
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Vatican's Sombre Warning

(By Virgil M. Pinkley)

Vatican City, Dec. 9.

Authoritative Vatican sources warned today that Soviet-American relations have so deteriorated that "differences between the two colossi may lead to a new conflict" unless the present trend is reversed.

This sombre warning emerged from conversations with policy-influencing officials of this tiny Catholic city state which is famed as the world's most thorough and most sensitive diplomatic listening post.

I found the pessimism here is as deep if not deeper than in any of the other 10 European capitals I have visited in the past three months. To a specific question one high prelate, who has the confidence of Pope Pius XI replied: "Yes, the general outlook for peace is much worse than a year ago."

Top-ranking Vatican quarters stressed repeatedly that only a return to the Christian spirit and more emphasis generally on religious values by both people and their leaders can bring about diminution of international bitterness and misunderstanding. —United Press.

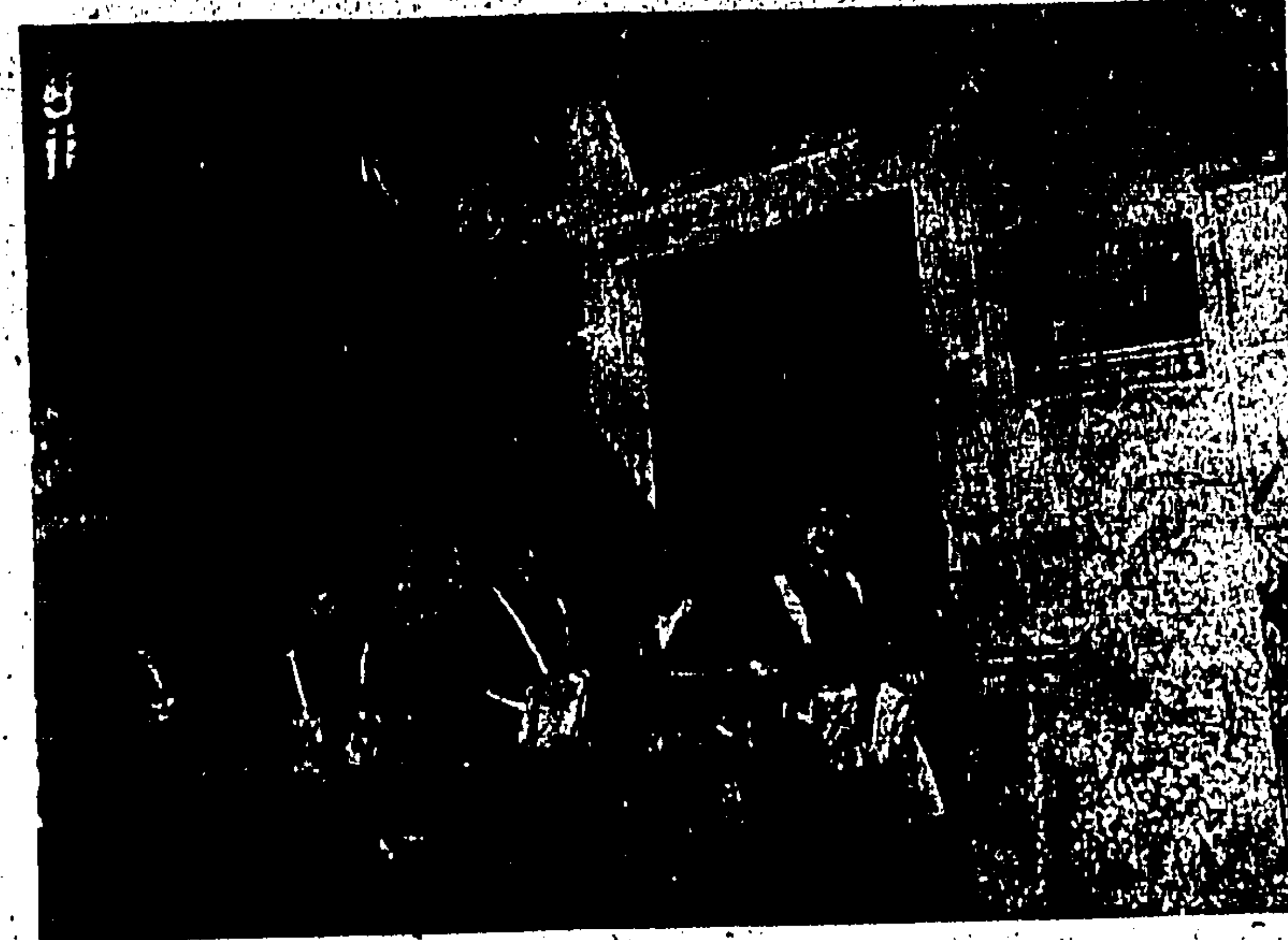
No Open Season For Whales

London, Dec. 8.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Tom Williams, declined in the House of Commons today to consider a suggestion that he should try to get an international agreement restricting the killing of whales lifted in view of the difficulty of the oil and fat position.

He said that he was not satisfied that the restriction could be relaxed without permanently endangering the supplies of whale oil. —Reuter.

Rome Dec. 8.
A general strike in Rome, due to start at midnight tomorrow, was called off tonight when the Italian Government accepted the demands for a public works scheme for the unemployed. —Reuter.



Bloody skirmishes occurred in the strike-bound agricultural section of Apulia, in Italy, towards the end of November. Several people were killed and many more wounded. Tension was partly allayed when the Government promised to spend at least a milliard lire on public works in the region. Occupying army forces, with machine guns, are seen entering Terlizzi. Outside the Chamber of Labour behind them is a flag inscribed "Peasants Resistance Group of Terlizzi." (A.P.H.)

British Forces To Be Cut To 700,000 By March

London, Dec. 8.

The War Office stated tonight that in his Bolton speech, the Minister of War, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, is reported as saying that the strength of the forces would be reduced to 700,000 by next March.

This figure was given in answer to a question on the run-down of the services beyond the 937,000 already announced for March, 1948.

It was intended as an illustration of the rate of release during the financial year of 1948-1949 and not as an official announcement of the actual planned strength.

Mr. Shinwell had further referred to the plans for re-organising certain common services.

As he himself indicated, this matter is under active consideration by the Ministers concerned.

Mr. Shinwell, speaking at Bolton last night, said that the Government hoped that the armed forces would be reduced to about 700,000 by next March.

He was replying to a question by a Royal Air Force airman in the audience.

He said that demobilisation was being speeded up as rapidly as the Government could do so. It was contemplated that by 1949, in spite of the National Service Act with the intake of young men, there would be only 300,000 men in the army.

The whole question of the co-ordination of the three services was being actively considered, but he did not wish to go into any further details until the White Paper had been issued.

OPIUM IN A C.N.A.C. PLANE

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

Six persons accused of smuggling opium aboard a C.N.A.C. plane will be tried shortly, it was reported today.

Two men, airline technicians, were accused of hiding opium parcels in the plane's tail compartment and others were named accomplices. The leader of the drug gang was said to be still at large. —United Press.

SOVIET PROTEST TO FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 8.

The Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Paris, M. Abramov, today handed his Government's note on Russian repatriates to the French Deputy Foreign Minister.

After mentioning earlier notes, the Soviet protest spoke of the search by 2,000 French armed guards at the Russian repatriation camp at Beaugrenier, near Paris, on Nov. 10, when two cases of arms were found. "Neither the camp administration nor the Soviet Embassy had been warned of the appearance of the police detachment," the note declared.

The Soviet note added that the camp regime did not differ from that of a similar camp set up in Russia for French repatriates.

No previous objections had been made to Soviet repatriates by the French Government.

Arthur Lewis Suspended

London, Dec. 8.

Mr. Arthur Lewis, Labour Member of Parliament for West Ham (Upton) was last night suspended by the National Executive of the General and Municipal Workers Union pending a full inquiry into the Savoy Hotel strike.

In addition to Mr. Lewis, who is the catering organiser of the Union, a number of other officers were at the same time informed of their suspension.

He was fined a maximum of £5 with 10s. costs, today for obstructing the police during the strike picketing at the Savoy Hotel. —Reuter.

Australia Slashes Dollar Imports

Canberra, Dec. 8.

Australia today slashed imports of American cars, petrol, tobacco and newsprint to ease the dollar position.

Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Premier, announced these cuts:

Imports of motor vehicle chassis limited to \$9,000,000 for the 18 months ending June 30, 1947.

Only \$3,000,000 allowed for imports before June 30, 1948.

Petrol:—A reduction of a further 10 per cent to be made.

Tobacco:—A 50-per cent reduction in the 1948-1949 period will be made.

Newsprint:—Fifty-one per cent cut in consumption compared with pre-war.

Films:—Retention in Australia of a proportion of film companies' remittances to be made.

The total Australian imports from the United States and Canada were to be about \$90,000,000 in 1947-1948. Mr. Chifley announced, compared with actual imports of just over \$60,000,000 in 1946-1947.

The measures taken by the Government would reduce the import rate in 1948 to one which will be practicable in the light of the assessment of the dollar situation at present available.

Mr. Reginald Pollard, Minister of Commerce, would be authorised within the framework of the existing import controls to divert a greater proportion of Australian-produced goods to the dollar market. —Reuter.

UNUSUAL CRIME

Newcastle, Dec. 8.

John Wilson, 23, formerly of Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, was alleged today at Newcastle to have spent a week-end in the guard room at Fenham Barracks, Newcastle, after telling the sergeant in charge that he deserted from the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Wilson pleaded guilty to pretending to be a deserter and was remanded in custody. He told the magistrates that he was discharged from the Royal Scots Fusiliers in August, 1945, after serving 10 years.

He had tried to rejoin the Army but was not accepted. —Reuter.

Communists' Low Poll In Elections

London, Dec. 8.

The latest results in yesterday's municipal elections in Wuertemberg, Baden, in the United States Zone of Germany, showed that the Christian Democrats lost six per cent of their votes but retained their lead and that the Communists were at the bottom of the poll, according to Hamburg Radio.

The Social Democrats increased their votes by two per cent only, while the Communists were said to have suffered a heavy setback.

The German Peoples' Party showed no change.

The votes lost by the Christian Democrats and the Communists went mostly to the "discontented" and "miscellaneous" group. —Reuter.

This note listed 24 "leading workers" of Soviet citizens in France as having been arrested according to Communist reports.

The arrests were said to be the result of a new campaign of "liquidation" of Soviet workers in France.

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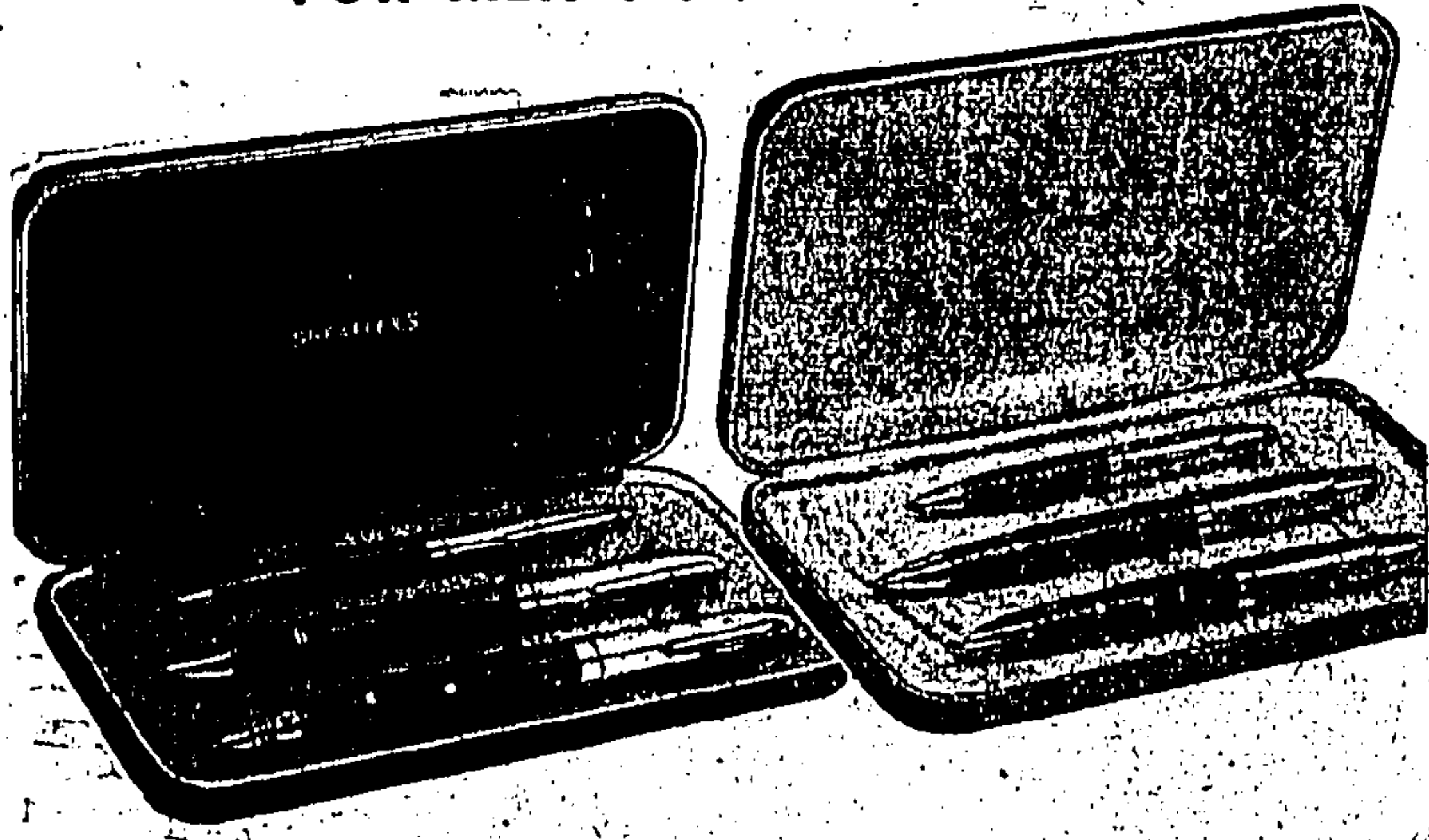
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PRE-WAR EMBASSY LEAKAGES Documents Stolen By Italian Servant Schuschnigg Book Criticised

London, Dec. 8.

An Italian servant removed documents from the British Embassy and handed them over to the Italian authorities over a considerable period before the war, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, disclosed in the House of Commons today.

He was describing as "inaccurate" the allegations of Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, Chancellor of Austria when Hitler marched in, that Italy had access to the secret files of the British Foreign Office before the war.

All the allegations were made in the book "Austrian Requiem" written by Dr. Schuschnigg, who is now in the United States.

Mr. McNeill, who was replying to a question, said: "The allegations made by Dr. Schuschnigg in his book 'Austrian Requiem' have been closely and fully examined and we have come to the conclusion that the account given is inaccurate."

"However, it undoubtedly refers to a series of leakages from the Embassy in Rome before the war, of which we had been aware."

"These leakages were the subject of an investigation in 1944, which revealed that an Italian servant had been able to remove documents from the Embassy in Rome for a considerable period."

Ciano's Boasts

"This servant was apprehended after the war and admitted what he had done. He stated that he had received considerable sums of money from the Italian authorities."

"We also believe that Count Ciano was in the habit of boasting that he had a source in the Foreign Office which provided him with the contents of secret files affecting Italy. It is thought, however, that this was a device by which Count Ciano sought to cover up the actual source of his information which we now know to have been the Rome Embassy."

"Count Ciano gives a clear account of the leakages in his book."

Mr. Raymond Blackburn (Labour) asked Mr. McNeill specifically to repudiate the "cowardly insinuation made by a Communist Member against that distinguished public servant, Lord Vansittart."

Lord Vansittart

(When the matter was raised last week, Mr. William Gallacher (Communist) had asked for a full investigation "considering that Lord Vansittart, or someone nearly associated with him, is associated with these serious allegations". Lord Vansittart was formerly Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.)

Mr. McNeill replied that he thought the attack had been directed largely against the Foreign Service. Although they had made the most careful investigations, they were satisfied that no leakage took place at this end.

"The unfortunate and inexplicable"

Navy Mixture

Chatham, Dec. 8.

Three senior naval officers—Admiral Sir Harold Burroughs, Commander-in-Chief, The Nore, Rear-Admiral B. C. B. Brooke, Commander of Chatham Barracks, and Captain E. N. R. Fletcher, in charge of the Stores Section—today stirred 500 pounds of mixture for Christmas puddings to be eaten by 1,600 naval ratings on Christmas Day.

The three officers used Carley float paddles to do the mixing and into the mixture Sir Harold poured 12 plums of rum and scattered 160 silver 3d pieces.—Reuter.

Husband's Hefty Hitch-Hike

LONDON, DEC. 8.

ONE OF THE HUSBANDS TRYING TO BRING THEIR SOVIET-BORN WIVES TO BRITAIN IS MAKING A 1,000-MILE HITCH-HIKE OF ENGLAND, COLLECTING SIGNATURES TO CONVINCE THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER, M. VYACHESLAV MOLOTOV, THAT OPINION ON THE TOPIC IS NATION-WIDE AND NOT CONFINED TO POLITICAL LEADERS IN LONDON.

John Bolton, of Falkland Road, Horse, North London, has left London by lorry for Birmingham. He hopes to cover the Midlands, Northern England and South Wales, staying at hostels to keep expenses for his fortnight's tour to the maximum of £10.

The husbands have prepared a leaflet for signature and dispatch to the Soviet Foreign Minister at the Soviet Embassy. Five thousand copies of the leaflet have already been signed and posted. Bolton, in his tour, is taking 3,000 of these leaflets with him.—Reuter.

ARABS GIVE NOTICE

Two Arab nations gave notice last night that they planned to carry the Moslem world's fight against the Palestine partition into the UNO Security Council to begin tomorrow.

Egypt and Lebanon, both members of the Arab League, submitted simultaneous requests to Secretary General Trygve Lie, for the right to participate in tomorrow's council meeting on the Palestine question.—Associated Press.

EXPRESS CRASH

Calcutta, Dec. 8. Seven people were killed and 50 injured when a north Bengal express crashed into a freight train standing at Kanchrapara station, 28 miles from Calcutta. Two baggage cars and a mail car on the passenger train were telescoped.—United Press.

American Support For Hirohito

(By Miles W. Vaughn)

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

The United States may be counted upon to vigorously defend the position of Emperor Hirohito as head of the Japanese state under the new constitution in the event that the so-called "Emperor system" comes under attack during the forthcoming peace conference between Japan and the Allies.

The American position is based upon the Potsdam Pact, under the terms of which Japan made her "unconditional surrender", and subsequent acts and declarations which ended with the new position of the Japanese ruler as set forth in the constitution which drew unstinted praise from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander, when it was adopted by the Diet in 1946.

Before the Potsdam declaration was adopted there were differences of opinion in the American State Department as to whether, when Japan surrendered, the United States should insist upon the removal of the Emperor.

Red Objections

The decision to retain the Emperor was made before Russia entered the war and drew an immediate protest from Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov when he learned of it. The Soviet position at first was that the Emperor must go and this "line" was taken up by the Japanese Communist Party which became active immediately after V-J Day.

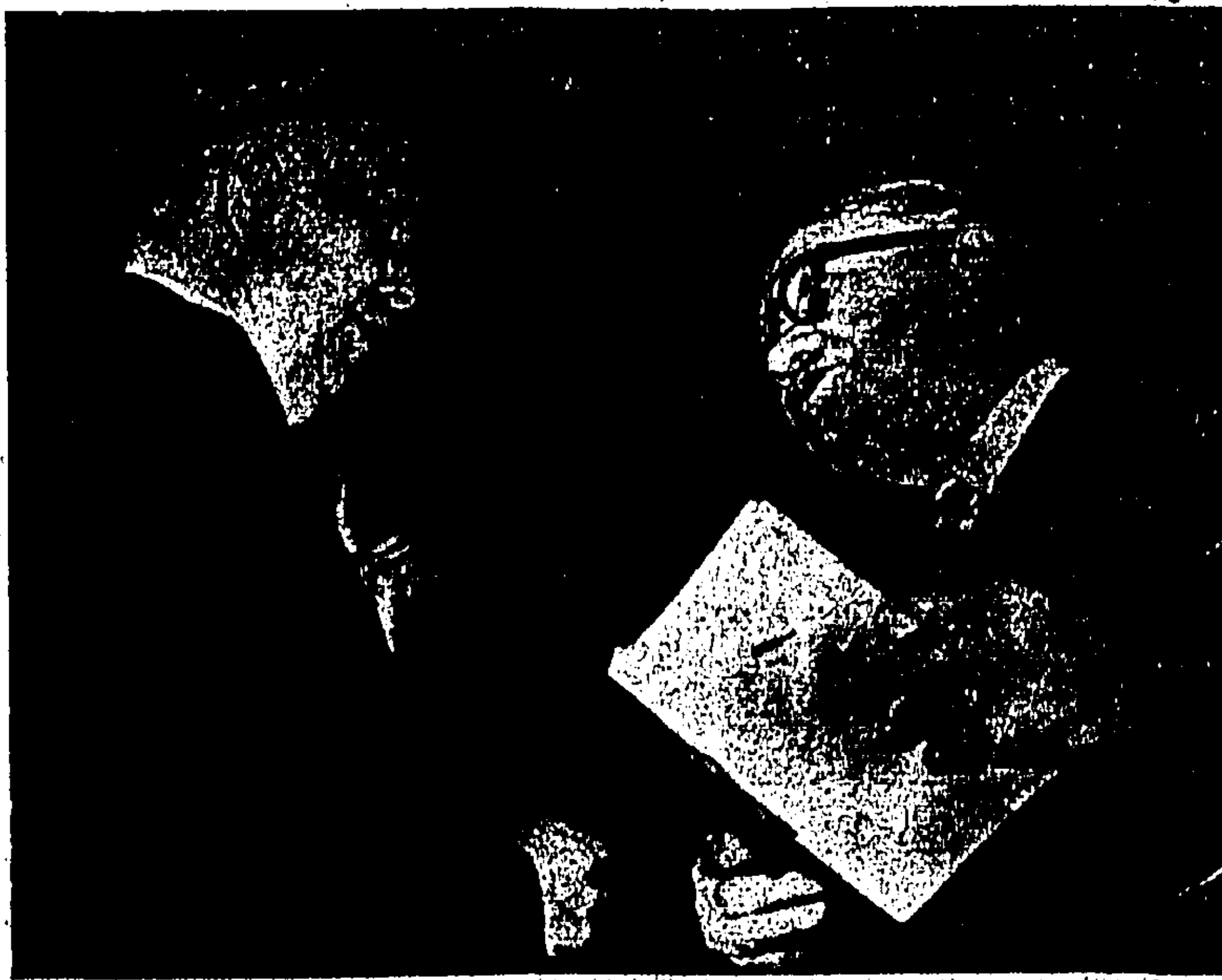
For the past year both the Soviet Government and the Japanese Communist Party had been silent on the question of the so-called "Emperor system", but it seems likely they will

Rallying Point?

Gen. MacArthur indicated approval not only of the present Emperor system but also of the new constitution which stripped the Emperor of all actual power and left him merely a symbol of a new Japan ruled by the people with a place in the hearts of his subjects much like that held by the Stars and Stripes in the hearts of Americans.

Some individual Australians expressed the opinion that the Emperor system could be done away with because of a possibility that the ruler might again be used as a rallying point for militarists and ultranationalists as he was in the months immediately preceding Pearl Harbor.

It is anticipated, however, that all British Commonwealth nations will support the present Government system of Japan as provided in the new constitution when a peace conference is held.—United Press.



Mr. Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Minister, is here seen in close conference with Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State. The occasion is not a Big Four meeting but the Thanksgiving Day luncheon given by the American Society in London at the Dorchester Hotel, London, on November 27. (A Photo)

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SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

MME SUN REPORT "NONSENSE"

Washington, Dec. 9. The columnist, Drew Pearson, reported last night that the Chinese Government were trying to hush up the greatest love story since King Edward VIII gave up the throne of England to marry Mrs. Simpson a romance between Madame Sun Yat-sen, the 55-year-old widow of the founder of the Chinese Republic, and a United States Army officer, Captain Gerald Tannebaum of Baltimore, now in Shanghai.

Services Boxing Tourney

An Inter-Services Boxing Tournament was held at the China Fleet Club last night in aid of the Boys and Girls Clubs Association.

There were 11 bouts and they were fought under the new I.S.B.A. rules which had only been out for a fortnight and which provided for three judges instead of two.

The participants were leading service boxers and the standard of boxing was of an exceedingly high standard.

Sir Shouson Chow, who distributed the prizes on conclusion of the bouts, was given a rousing ovation when he issued a challenge to all comers of 30 years of age, to a three round contest.

Welterweight: Sgt. Barr (1st Innis.) beat L.A.C. Naylor (R.A.F. Kai Tak).

Lightweight: P.O. Scullings (H.M.S. London) beat L.Cpl. Laurensen (1st Innis.).

Featherweight: Sgt. Donnelly (H.M.S. London) beat Pte. Hall (1st Innis.).

Light-heavyweight: Pte. Long (1st Innis.) beat Mne. Higgs (H.M.S. London).

Heavyweight: P.O. Rowlands (H.M.S. Sussex) knocked out Fus. Gillespie (1st Innis.).

Officials: Judges: Captain Cunningham, Sq. Leader Haines, R.A.F. Sq. Leader Watts, R.A.F. Mr. Clarke, Comm. Bogn, R.N. Mr. Bowman, Lieut. Usherwood.

Referees: Lt. Col. M.C.D.L. Reynolds, O.B.E. Commander (F) H. Allen, R.N. Timekeeper: Flying Officer D. Steel, R.A.F.

Two Meetings To Be Held

(By "E.D.")

News that the Hong Kong Schools' Athletic Association has been reformed and that the Spring of '48 is going to see a revival of the Inter-School Sports, last held in 1941, makes good reading.

Keeness has been shown by the Schools and it is proposed to run two separate meetings, one for Seniors and one for Juniors. Lack of training facilities, the usual difficulty in Hong Kong, has led to a cutting down in the number and variety of events in Schools' Championships. In this connection I wonder how many of my readers are aware of the fact that of the 600 schools in Hong Kong, only four have playing fields.

The Javelin has been omitted temporarily and for this year, the Pole Vault and hurdles count only for individual Championships. The Schools' Association tells me—and I agree—that they feel it would be unfair for those events to count in the Schools' Championships when sheer lack of space precludes so many schools from even practising the events.

New Basis

The sports themselves are being run on a different basis this year. Instead of the time honoured system whereby the first three only in each event could score points for their respective schools a system of competition by standards is being introduced. Under this system each school enters a team in each event. Each event has a standard time or distance and each boy who makes that standard scores a point in his school's total irrespective of whether he is in the first three or not. By this system it is possible for a school with a number of reasonably good athletes to defeat another school with one outstanding boy athlete.

As I write this I have before me a programme of the 1951 meet which was won by St. Paul's with 44 points, the runners up being St. Stephen's with 21. Of St. Paul's total, 20 points were collected by Chiu Ping Hung who by virtue of winning the 100 in 11 sec., the 220 in 24.5 sec., the broad jump with 20' 3/4", the high jump with 5' 1/2", and running as a member of the St. Paul's relay team, literally won the championship by himself. A magnificent performance for a schoolboy—like so many outstanding schoolboy athletes in Hong Kong one wonders what his subsequent career in athletics was.

Big Need

It has long been a sad state of affairs that so many boys—every inter-school sports in Hong Kong produced a crop of excellent young athletes—showed promise, left school, and apart from odd appearances, seem to have rung up their spikes and taken a permanent association with the parent association this could have been prevented as no matter how keen clubs are (and S.C.A.A., the V.R.C., and Recreation Service in the past) it requires an association to coordinate club activities, provide coaching facilities for the after

JUNIOR SOCCER

In the preliminary round of the Junior Football Shield Competition, Sing Tao beat War Department Chinese Clerks, by four clear goals on the Club ground yesterday after leading by three clear goals at the interval.

Young Yun-sang, Lee Hung-ke (2) scored in the first half and Chu Kam-shing in the second.

school age youths, and organise a decent Colony Athletic Annual Meet. After all, why not Inter-Port Athletics? An Athletics Association is needed. There is a wealth of potential athletic talent in the Colony but apart from S.C.A.A., there is no club which caters for the youth who wishes to continue his athletic career after school. Jumping pits take up little space in any ground, running can be practised on a comparatively small outlay on field equipment can enable any club to start an Athletics Section. With an Association to coordinate activities of the clubs, competition would be keen and judging by pre-war school results, standards would be high.

The Olympics

Nor need we stop there. As each branch of sport organises its own individual parent Association then surely comes the time for the formation of a Central Council of Sport which will, in turn, coordinate the activities of the various Associations. There is a great deal of talk of the proposed stadium. Every one admits the crying need for it in the Colony and if such a Council as I have briefly sketched was in existence, what better guarantee could there be that the best use would be made of such a sports Centre?

Why should Hong Kong not be represented in the next Empire Olympic Games? Interports have shown that we can compete with the best in the East; the potential talent is here and only needs encouraging; a little vision on the part of the clubs and what is sketched above would no longer be a fanciful idea but an actual reality.

Wretched Fielding By India

WARWICK, DEC. 8. REPLYING TO THE INDIANS TOTAL OF 333, THE QUEENSLAND COUNTRY SIDE GAVE AN INDIFERENT BATTING DISPLAY, LOSING EIGHT WICKETS FOR 145 BEFORE A SEVERE HAILSTORM ENDED PLAY TODAY AT 3.15 P.M.

Superb batting by Allen, the former Queensland Vice-Captain and Sheffield Shield century maker, alone prevented a rout. Phadkar's inspiring opening attack forced the Country side on the defence. At one stage his figures were 4 for 4, and his swing was most impressive.

The spinners were handicapped by the wet ball. The Indians fielding was patchy, occasional brilliant fielding offset by slovenly ground-work and wretched returns. Though this was a minor fixture, this was a disappointing feature of the drawn match.—Reuter.

"MAD DOCTOR" ON TRIAL

Yokohama, Dec. 9. The Eighth Army Military Commission today ruled that the "mad doctor", Hisakazu Tokada, former commander of Shingawa war prisoner hospital, where Hong Kong P.O.W.s were "treated" at present charged with illegal medical experimentation on prisoners of war, "is and always had been, since the start of the trial, mentally competent". The trial, reconvened today after a lengthy recess during which accused was examined by leading Japanese and American psychiatrists.—United Press.

SWEDS BEATEN

Budapest, Dec. 8. The Swedish football team, Norrking, Commanders, was beaten 2-0 by a combined side of two of the best Budapest teams today. The Hungarians led 1-0 at half time.—Reuter.

OXFORD WIN

London, Dec. 8. Rugby Union games—Oxford University 18, Oxfordshire 0.—Reuter.



The 107th Wall Game, a feature of the St. Andrew's Day celebrations, took place on Nov. 29 at Eton College between the traditionally rival teams—Collegers and Oppidians. Prolonged drought made this year's pitch a hard one instead of the more reasonable mud. One of the Oppidians team secures a pained expression during vigorous action in the scrum. (1Photo)

Holiday Sailing Regatta

Details of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's sailing, rowing and social activities planned for Christmas and the New Year will, it is hoped, be available early next week. It is known that a sailing and pulling regatta will definitely be held on the Friday (Boxing Day), Saturday and Sunday after Christmas with some sort of a party on the Sunday night. The rest rather lies with the contractors working on the Ball room! The race for the Trevers Trophy will be held at Christmas, probably on the Sunday.

There are just two weeks left now to finish the league series of sailing races. After last weekend's sailing the league now stands as follows:

Boat	Points
H.M.S. Amethyst	11
"Albatross"	7
4th S/M Florida	8
Telecons	9
H.K. Government	10
8th Destroyer Flotilla	8
C.A.S. Staff	9
Airways	7
6th Cruiser Squadron	8
Escort Flotilla	5

The following fixtures have been provisionally arranged for next Sunday, Dec. 14—11 a.m. Albatross v. Telecons; 11.10 a.m. H.K.G. v. Airways; 3 p.m. 4th S/M v. Airways v. Destroyers.

Only 3 cruisers turned out for the races on Saturday and Sunday. "West-Wind" won a short race on Saturday afternoon and "Aquilla" won the race round Hong Kong Island on Sunday from "Arki".

The weather and tide conditions on Sunday were ideal for the "Round the Island" race, and Arki, Aquilla, and Yvonne crossed the starting line in that order at 10.35 a.m. Arki held the lead through Lyemun and then stood in towards Sai Wan Bay. Aquilla, however, chose a starboard tack out into Junl Bay and found there a much better wind. Rounding D'Aguilar, Aquilla had the lead by nearly half a mile from Arki, and held the lead right down to Sulphur Channel, where both yachts were localised for a while. Aquilla led the way back up harbour to win by the relatively close margin of 16 minutes after nearly 8 hours sailing. Yvonne had not made good time on the original beat up through Lyemun and gave up the race about 2.30 p.m.

Saturday Result
Actual Corrected
West Wind (C.G. Blake) ... 1.49.40 1.49.40
Aquilla (P. Clemo) ... 2.08.25 1.40.11
Arki (Hornum Mook) ... 2.22.50 2.01.03

Sunday Result
Actual time
Aquilla (P. Clemo) ... 7.36.45
Arki (Hornum Mook) ... 7.58.30
All Cruiser owners are invited to attend a meeting of the Sailing Committee on 5.30 p.m. on Friday at Jardine Matheson, to give their views on cruiser racing programme for Christmas and after.

Stars
There were two Star races over the weekend, resulting in a win for Heneinsch and a win for Atair.—Reuter.

Club Team
The following will represent Club against R.A.F. in a friendly rugby game today on Club Ground at 5 p.m.
R. Tattam, Robertson, D. McWhirter, T. Bowman, R. Thompson, E. Brown, N. Moffat, T. Hareiman, T. Morgan, J. Timson, H.M.C. Forgan, J. Henderson, Slater, Muckle, Quantick, G. Valt, J. Small.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

La Salle Ahead In Seniors

(By "E.D.")

The League table published today speaks for itself as regards La Salle. On Sunday however a stuffy E.K.P.M. team, though outplayed, refused to be forced on the defensive all the time and took 2 goals off what must be one of the most powerful school sides Hong Kong has seen.

Wah Yan persisted in playing nice football but until they remember why goalsposts are erected they will not score many goals.

St. Joseph's took two very welcome points off St. Stephen, due mainly to their forwards who showed some very pretty combined play.

In Division A, my remarks last week about predicting results on paper proved true, with Wansai losing to St. Joseph's. Unluckily I only saw the last 15 minutes of the game and during that period St. Joseph's defence were holding out all the time against Wansai forwards who seemed to have lost their shooting boots and who finished by missing a penalty which would, at least, have enabled me to wear my prophetic gown again.

Wah Yan Top
In "B" Division, Wah Yan with a 4-0 win over the mighty midgets of N.T.C., move up to top place over E.K.P.M. who could only force a draw with an improved A.C.P.M. eleven.

Yau-mul, in the Kowloon Section, are away on their own with an undefeated record but there are a few postponed games to be played before the school placings become clear.

For the benefit of anyone interested I recommend the Sunday fixtures of Wansai A.M. v. E.K.A.M., and Wah Yan v. E.K.P.M. in the Juniors and on Wednesday, the game between D.B.S. and E.K.P.M. at Kowloon.

Senior League

La Salle	Wansai	St. Joseph's	St. Stephen's	E.K.A.M.	Wah Yan	Yau-mul	St. Paul's
4	4	0	0	24	3	8	6
4	3	0	1	13	7	6	4
2	2	0	0	7	1	4	4
2	2	0	0	1	1	2	4
2	1	0	1	6	5	2	4
4	1	0	3	6	18	2	4
4	0	0	4	4	13	6	4
2	1	0	1	6	4	2	4
2	0	0	2	0	10	0	4

Junior League

La Salle	Wansai	St. Joseph's	St. Stephen's	E.K.A.M.	Wah Yan	Yau-mul	St. Paul's
4	3	1	0	10	2	7	6
4	2	1	1	3	8	5	4
2	2	0	0	1	1	4	4
4	1	0	3	7	10	2	4
6	1	0	5	7	10	2	4
3	0	2	1	2	8	2	4

Dramatic Sea Rescue

Grimsby, Dec. 9. A dramatic rescue by breeches buoy in heavy seas was carried out this morning when Humber lifeboatmen took off five men, one of them injured, from Grimsby trawler, Latania, which went ashore off Spurn Head last Friday.

Working by the light of acetylene lamps and pounded by high waves, the lifeboatmen brought five men ashore within an hour from the disabled trawler. There were two other men on board the vessel and they remained until dawn when they were able to walk ashore. The men were carrying out salvage work on the trawler. The injured man had a leg broken by being caught in the loop of the tow wire. It took 20 minutes to fit him in the breeches buoy.—Reuter.

Execution At Mukden

Mukden, Dec. 9. Li Jung-lun, former Director of the Public Works Department and member of the Defence Construction Commission, was executed here this afternoon for corruption and extortion.

It was the first execution for corruption in the Northeast by General Chen Cheng, Chief of Staff and concurrently Director of the President's Northeast Headquarters.

Li was found guilty of extorting CN\$44,000,000 from contractors engaged in the construction of defence installations of Mukden.—Central News.

GOEBBELS' DIARY

London, Dec. 9. The diaries of Dr. Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda chief, who committed suicide during the final Russian attack on Berlin, will be published in Britain next spring.—Reuter.

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